

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action dated March 14, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 14, 2005. Further examination and consideration are requested. Filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a one-month extension, thereby giving the undersigned a period until July 14, 2005, in which to respond. The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry along with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Further examination and consideration are requested.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.